collection work, police, kaval, shekdar's office and other Government duties may well be transacted at a specified place.

(2) Several shekdars are inconvenienced at present for want of suitable accommodation in the headquarters of their hoblis. To afford them necessary convenience in this respect, it is prayed that suitable dwellings may be constructed at Government cost in all the hobli headquarters and rented out to the shkedars.

Reply of Government.—Unnecessary. When shekdars go to villages, they can hold their offices in chavadis. If these do not exist, local officers will be directed to enforce the [illegible]

SUBJECT No. 81.

Operation of game licenses.

Mr. K. Channakeshava Rao, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The reply given by the Government to Subject No. 61 of the Representative Assembly of 1910, *viz.*, that game licenses will be made operative within the limits of the hobli in which the licensee resides, may be applied to the Koppa taluk.

Reply of Government.—This has since been done.

SUBJECT No. 82.

Prevention of cattle-lifting.

(1) Mr. Puttanna Gowda, Tirthahalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Dealers in hides resort to several devices for the destruction of cattle. To put a stop to this it is prayed that orders may be passed directing that when wet hides are conveyed from a village, they must be impressed with a seal by the patel and carried with a permit to be given by him.

(2) Mr. K. Shama Iyengar, Channairi taluk.

(2) The practice of stealing cattle on account of inducements offered by Labbes and other dealers in hides is on the increase every day. Certain proposals were sent up to Government on the subject and these, it is understood, were referred to the District Magistrates for necessary action. But nothing seems to have been done to find out even a single case of cattle-stealing till now and punish the offenders. If this practice goes on unchecked, it is sure to tell on the well-being of the agricultural classes. It is therefore necessary that legislation should be directed to prevent this evil practice.

Mr. A. Ramanna stated that the dealers in hides should be required to keep a register and that hides should not be taken without a permit from the patel or the shanbhog of the village, who must ascertain and certify whether the animal died of natural causes.

Reply of Government.—The question is beset with practical difficulties. The system of marking the hides of deceased animals was tried in the Agency tracts of Vizagapatam and given up as the headman appointed was found to often collude with the offenders. If definite suggestions are made, the matter will be considered.